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Attorney Docket No. UCSD-07017**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: **Maurizio Zanetti**
Serial No.: **09/788,110** Group No.: **1642**
Filed: **02/15/2001** Examiner: **Ungar, S.**
Entitled: **Composition and Method For Inducing and Enhancing A Telomerase
Reverse Transcriptase-Reactive Cytotoxic T Lymphocyte Response**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 13, 2006**

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Dated: April 13, 2006

By: 

Christine A. Lekuda

Dear Madam:

The following communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed February 13, 2006, having a deadline for provoking an Advisory Action of April 13, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following:

- amendments to the specification beginning on page 2;
- amendments to the claims reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3; and
- remarks and arguments beginning on page 6.

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Examiner contends that support is lacking for HLA-A2.1-restricted, human TRT peptides from seven to fifteen residues in length (Final Office Action, Section 7, pp. 4 and 5). Although Applicant respectfully disagrees that the claims lack enablement for HLA-A2.1-restricted hTRT peptides that are shorter or longer than nine amino acids, as discussed above in Sections 2 and 3, Applicant has amended Claims 19 and 26 to recite a "human telomerase reverse transcriptase (TRT) peptide nine amino acid residues in length." Support for this amendment is found in various locations in the application as originally filed including the Examples 10 and 11, and Tables II, IV and VI, which teach exemplary HLA-A2.1-restricted hTRT nonamers. Therefore, Applicant contends that the amended claims are enabled and respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes the amendments and arguments set forth above traverse the Examiner's rejections and therefore request that these grounds for rejection be withdrawn. However, should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, the Applicant encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned collect.

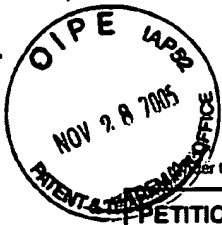
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